

DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2008

DSB BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Berry
Anglyn Franquemont
Lori Hunter
James Johnson
Nola McKinney
Irma Nelson
Dickie Walker

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Kara Aaron
Jim Hill
Sandy Rowland
Ramona Sangalli

DSB BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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Ann Moore

DHS Representative: Steven Jones, Larry Stricklen, Billy Quinn

Attorney General's Office Representative: Erika Gee

Governor's Office Representative: None

DSB Staff Present: Katy Morris, Coral Virden, Carolyn Holbrook, Jim Pearson, Donna Walker, Tanya VanHouten, Wally Thomas

CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Mrs. Nola McKinney called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Motion was made by Ms. Irma Nelson to approve the agenda. Mrs. Sharon Berry seconded the motion. ***Motion passed.***

APPROVAL OF 03/08/08 MINUTES. Motion was made by Ms. Nelson to approve the minutes. Mrs. Berry seconded the motion. ***Motion passed.***

INTRODUCTIONS. All persons in attendance introduced themselves.

DISCUSSION OF DSB 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION JUNE 6, 2008 & SELECTION OF EVENT COMMITTEE – The celebration will be held at the Arkansas School for the Blind Campus in the multi-purpose room 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2008. Chairman McKinney named board members Sharon Berry, Irma Nelson and herself to the Celebration Committee. Dorothy Brooks, Francine Crain and Coral Virden of DSB will staff the Celebration Committee.

The committee will meet via teleconference in a couple of weeks.

Chairman McKinney confirmed that all board members did receive the email that requested that each board member submit two questions that would be used at the interviews for the DSB Director position.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - Chairman McKinney adjourned the board to Executive Session for consideration of applicants for the position of DSB Director.

CALL TO ORDER - Following Executive Session, Chairman McKinney reconvened the Board Meeting to announce outcome of the session.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOP TWO CANDIDATES TO BE RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNOR - Mrs. Sharon Berry made a motion to submit the names of Mrs. Katy Morris and Ms. Edna Johnson as the two top candidates to be recommended by the Board to Governor Beebe as Director of the DHS Division of Services for the Blind. Mr. James Johnson approved the motion. Motion Passed. Chairman McKinney expressed her appreciation and that of the board to the other candidates and to the board members themselves for their participation in the interviews and the recruitment process. She also expressed her appreciation to Mr. Steven Jones and his staff for all of their hard work.

The next regular quarterly board meeting will be held Friday, June 6, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Arkansas School for the Blind Multi-purpose room in conjunction with the DSB 25th Anniversary Reception that will be held 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irma Nelson
Secretary